

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 829

By Casada

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ermon Lature on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ermon Lature is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than eleven years as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lature will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from BellSouth following thirty-eight years of service, Ermon Lature became the chapter's first Executive Director in January of 1996; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization of Habitat for Humanity collaborates with churches, businesses, volunteers, donors, and its Partner Families to achieve the worthy goal of providing suitable housing to families living in unacceptable conditions; and

WHEREAS, Ermon Lature has presided over the construction of dozens of homes; since the inception of Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County in 1992, the organization has completed over seventy houses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lature has also guided this worthy organization through the recent launch of such major initiatives as Building New Traditions, which endeavors to increase community understanding of Habitat's mission and has raised \$1.9 million dollars for the purpose of building new homes; and

WHEREAS, Ermon Lature is an active and important part of his community and his profession, and he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Lature has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ermon Lature our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we thank him for his meritorious service to the good people of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.